

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SLAGA, et al §  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 115

This amendment is made in anticipation of a  
restriction requirement, and in an effort to speed  
consideration and action on the subject application.

Please cancel claims 3 - 33. Claims 1 and 2 are  
believed to be that which Examiner would consider a single  
species, at least at the initiation of examination. One or  
more of claims 3 - 33 may be re-inserted in the event that  
generic protection is indicated which would allow  
consideration of such claims.

Please add the following new claims:

34. A method of inducing apoptosis in cancerous  
tissues comprising the steps of:

administering a therapeutic dosage of a composition

containing 2-methoxyestradiol to a cancerous

tissues, said administration continuing at least